(v) Backward and Forward Integration and other Promotional Activities

(vi) Infrastructure Development

श्री आर. पी. गोयनका : सभापति महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने जवाब तो बहुत लम्बा चौड़ा एक पेज का दे दिया है लेकिन असल में क्या फल मिला, क्या काम आपने किया है उसको तो कुछ बताइए ?

SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries prepared a draft Bill and circulated the same to various Ministries and departments and received their comments in January, 2003. And, in March, 2003, a Group of Ministers considered that draft Bill alongwith the comments received. And, after that, it submitted its Report. Now, on the basis of the Report, we have finetuned the draft Bill and sent it to the Law Commission for their comments.

श्री आर. पी. गोयनका : क्या काम किए हैं वे यह बतला रहे हैं। मैं फल पूछ रहा हूँ कि इन कामों का परिणाम क्या है, क्योंकि परिणाम कुछ है ही नहीं।

श्री बालकवि बैरागी : माननीय सभापति महोदय, इसका फल तो यह भोगेंगे ही, अब क्या करें।

श्री मूल चन्द मीणा : जवाब नहीं आ रहा है, सर।

श्री आर.पी. गोयनका : रहने दीजिए सर, नेक्स्ट क्वेश्चन कर लीजिए।

श्री सभापति : जवाब तो दिया है। खैर छोड़िए।

Carrying Capacity of National Parks

*698. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that overcrowding is disturbing peace of National Parks leading to aberrant behaviour of animals especially tigers;

(b) if so, reasons for allowing more tourists during peak season in National Parks than recommended by Wild Life Boards; and

(c) steps taken by Government to review carrying capacity of all the National parks?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) While no ceiling on the limit of number of tourists has been prescribed, Government of India has issued normative guildlines to regulate tourist visitation in Protected Areas as per carrying capacity, to reduce the impact of tourist influx on wildlife habitat and wild animals, in accordance with the National Wildlife Action Plan.

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Sir, I would like to know whether unregulated tourism was recently seen in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, where one, Mr. Harshavardhan had deliberately irritated the tigers, and the tigers attacked a couple of tourists. Is it a fact that because of the free flow tourist traffic inside the Dudhwa Tiger Project the tigers are being disturbed?

SHRI T. R. BAALU : Sir, it is a partial fact. Many of the vehicles had been taken inside the tourist zone only. But they had stopped the passage by which the tigers had to go. Suddenly, they sprang at the tourists.

MR. Chairman : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Assistance to FPIs

*687. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under technology upgradation, establishment and modernisation of food processing industries, the Ministry is providing financial assistance to the implementing agencies;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by Government during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what inventive methods Government propose to introduce in the food processing sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Details of financial assistance extended for major schemes during 2001-02 and 2002-03 are given below :

Amount in Rs. Lakhs

S. No.	State	2001-02	2002-03
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.99	124.74
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	43.56
3.	Assam	87.54	193.46
4.	Bihar	1.00	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	200.00	—
6.	Goa	5.13	—
7.	Gujarat	32.40	27.41
8.	Haryana	265.40	231.00